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Due to staffing shortages, Cocina's hours and menu are temporarily shortened. Morris University Center Director Joseph Pearson said he anticipates resuming the regular menu and hours soon.

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## Dining Services extends hours, lacks staff

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Trouble struck Dining Services this year, with too few staff and too many hours, Morris University Center Director Joseph Pearson said.

"We got hit with a perfect storm this semester," said Pearson. The hours of the MUC have been extended and with understaffing issues, Cocina has shorter hours, without the full menu, and Fixins' Restaurant is temporarily closed.

These changes have impinged upon students, such as senior entrepreneurship and resource management major Ciera Allen, of Chicago, who is also a temporary employee of Entrees.

"The fact that Fixins' Restaurant is closed is definitely affecting my job because I am actually a Fixins' worker and I'm just working somewhere else until they open," Allen said.

The new law states students can work only up to 20 hours per week.

"I'm a single mother," Allen said, "and trying to provide for my child and go to school is difficult, especially on a 20-hours-a-week budget."

Unfortunately, the fewer hours students can work have also has an adverse effect on an integral part of the hiring process, Student Personnel Office employee Lucas Gragg, junior business management major from Mount Sterling, said.

"To get all of our work done in Dining Services, the people in the office need more than 20 hours," Gragg said.

On the other hand, graduate electrical engineering student

Arun Joe, of India, who is also an employee of Pizza Hut, prefers the 20-hour workweek.

"As far as I'm concerned, the hours I get here are perfect because they are not affecting my studies," Joe said.

While many students are struggling with the changes in Dining Services, others, like Gragg, feel the extended hours are beneficial.

**"We got hit with a perfect storm this semester..."**

Joseph Pearson  
Morris University Center Director

"I like that they increased the hours because when I was a freshman I always wanted them to be open longer," Gragg said.

Pearson said despite the increase in hours of operation, Dining Services does not have enough people on staff to make this transition.

"Several people either retired or had medical issues," Pearson said. "We are short 15 full-time staff members in dining and our head cook retired right before school started."

However, due to all the requests for longer cafeteria hours, the MUC also extended the hours of the main dining area to 10 p.m.

"We have so much demand this year because people asked on the comment board to extend the hours," junior art major Morgan Smith, a Dining Services student employee from Taylorville, said.

"We won't have everything

open until 10 [p.m.], but we try to have something different open in the main dining area every night," Pearson said.

According to Pearson, the issue arrived when so many full-time staff members left right before the MUC created longer hours.

"We expanded our hours this year, anticipating that we would have the staff to do that, and now

posed to be doing because there's not enough managers watching them," Gragg said.

Although a potential solution for increasing the staff is to hire people to take the positions of those who left, it is a lengthy procedure.

"Sometimes hiring a full-time staff member can be a two to four month process," Pearson said.

Gragg and the others who work in the Student Personnel Office are doing their best to accommodate students' busy schedules throughout the detailed hiring process.

"There's tons of applications that come in and we go through them in order by the date they came in. Then we look at people's 'week-at-a-glance' schedules and do our best to give them hours that match their schedules," Gragg said.

For student workers, like Joe, the application process is very convenient.

"This year they made the application online, which I feel is far better," Joe said.

According to Pearson, by giving the application process more time, it could go smoother.

"Maybe we ought to look at our hiring processes and timing. Perhaps we should hire students in the spring for the upcoming fall semester," Pearson said.

In the meantime, Pearson said he and his staff are doing their best to accommodate the remaining workers and the students who enjoy the services of the MUC.

"We decided we had to focus on what we could do best and not try to force things open and do it halfway and lose the quality," Pearson said. "It was determined

that our best course of action was to have the venues temporarily not be available until we could get our staffing up. We wanted to minimize the impact and maximize our resources."

Pearson said due to the temporary closing of Fixins' and the shorter hours of Cocina, employees of those places had to be redirected to other restaurants in the MUC.

"We've had to shuffle a lot of people around. Our main cooks have been reassigned to the main MUC lunch hour area," Pearson said.

Dining Services, along with Pearson and his staff, is doing its best to harbor everyone's desires.

"We're trying really hard to provide good quality service and I think we made a good decision by not sacrificing quality," Pearson said. "We're anticipating that we will get our students and staff up and Cocina will be back to its full menu and hours in the next couple weeks. We're hoping we can open Fixins' in October."

According to Pearson, keeping the necessary staff and hours is crucial to those who work in Dining Services and to those who use its facilities.

"It's a delicate balance that we have to run, with regards to how many employees and student workers we can have, and still keep our prices low," Pearson said. "Our average is 40 percent of the cost of things students purchase goes to food, 60 percent goes to labor and utilities. Our mission is to provide service, not to make money."

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## Student Government launches campus-wide 'It's On Us' campaign

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Alestle Copy Editor

Student Government officially launched the national "It's On Us" campaign on campus Friday, Sept. 19, during its third meeting of the semester. SG President Nasir Almasri announced plans to create sub-committees to help make the program accessible to students.

"We're fortunate as a university to not have issues particularly with sexual assault," Almasri said. "So, in our case, this is a very proactive campaign."

President Barack Obama originally launched the "It's On Us" campaign to not only raise awareness of the prevalence of sexual assault on college campuses nationwide, but also to prevent

these attacks.

The "It's On Us" campaign is student-led and student-driven. SG plans to reach out to local celebrities in the St. Louis area in the future when putting on events for the "It's On Us" initiative.

Almasri said SG has been in contact with the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault as well as various student government presidents from across the country to make this campaign effective on campus.

"The important thing that SG got from them is numbers, activities and things we can use to promote certain days and weeks throughout the year that will allow SG to go forth and spread awareness," Almasri said.

In the next couple of weeks,

SG plans to create sub-committees that will consist of senators to become more organized while creating events for this initiative. These sub-committees of senators plan to reach out to the Kimmel Leadership Center, the Campus Activities Board, the athletics department and other organizations. Equal Opportunity and Access Director Chad Martinez is also assisting in coordinating events for the campaign.

"We are using these modules to get students to understand what sexual assault means, what it looks like and how it negatively impacts not only a potential victim, but also the perpetrator," Almasri said.

Read more about Student Government at [alestlelive.com](http://alestlelive.com)

## News in brief

### College of Arts and Sciences Dean Aldemaro Romero resigns

Last week, College of Arts & Sciences Dean Aldemaro Romero turned in his resignation papers, which will take effect December 31, 2014.

Romero served at SIUE as dean for five years. Parviz Ansari, the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs will create a committee to aid in a nationwide search in upcoming weeks, according to Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe.

Emeritus Professor Stephen Hansen will serve as the interim College of Arts & Sciences dean starting Jan. 1, 2015.

The university is expected to have a new College of Arts & Sciences dean by Aug. 1, 2015.

### Speech communication department rebrands

The Department of Speech Communication recently changed its name to the Department of Applied Communication Studies, a change that has been in the works for the past 10 years, according to Department of Applied Communication Studies Chairwoman Alicia Alexander.

"[The department] wanted to catch up with the times. It didn't really reflect well what we do in our de-

partment," Alexander said. "People often thought we were speech pathology, which isn't right."

The name was changed mainly to help the department rebrand itself and to clear up any confusion the previous department name caused.

"We changed the name to better reflect the current state of our field. Speech communication suggests that we do public speaking and rhetoric. Applied communication studies is a more encompassing name for all the different tracts we offer," Alexander said.

The name may be different, but the multiple programs available to students within the department will stay the same.

"We did not change any of our content or program requirements," Alexander said. "It doesn't have any impact on the students' coursework."

Since officially changing the name of the department, Alexander said she has seen a really positive impact on students so far.

"The students have had the opportunity to have their diploma name changed if they are currently enrolled in it, and so far all but one have," Alexander said.

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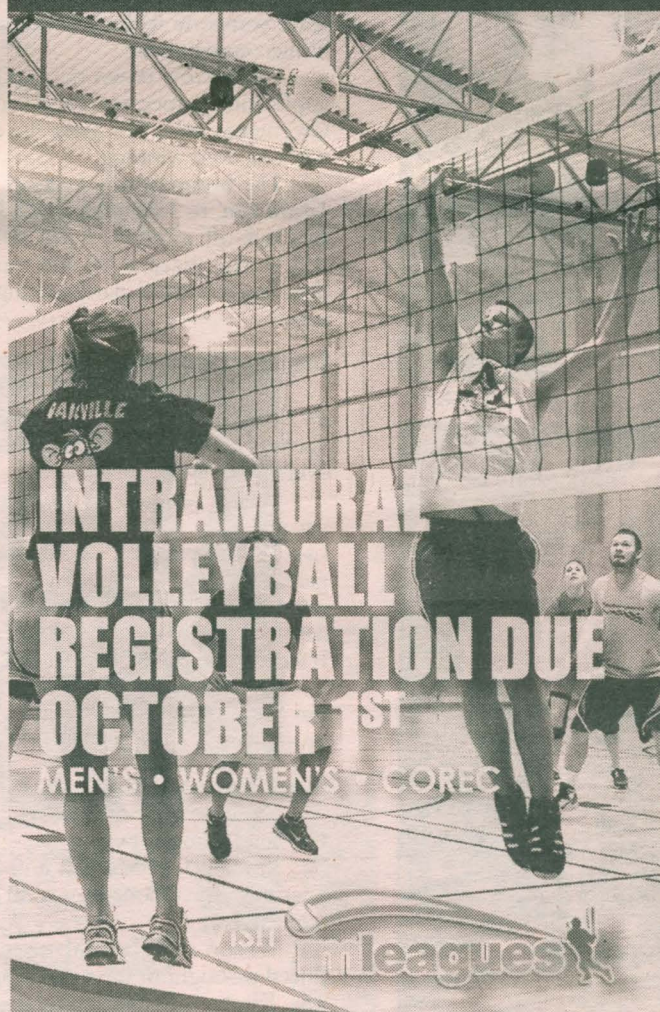
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### Campus prepares for Homecoming Week festivities filled with school spirit

CAITLIN GROVE  
Alestle Lifestyles Editor

Golf carts, recliners and bonfires bring out school spirit as Homecoming Week takes campus by storm, with activities beginning Monday, Sept. 29.

Campus Activities Board graduate adviser Tyler Wilson said this year's theme is 'Red, White and the e,' an idea that was selected through a student contest for its commitment to school spirit.

Campus Activities Board President Zach Greenemay said this year they are revamping homecoming into something that is more appealing for alumni to attend.

"At a lot of schools, that's the whole purpose of homecoming," Greenemay said. "I think it's really important that everyone can come back to SIUE when they graduate and celebrate the university."

Throughout the week, student organizations can compete in the spirit contest in which they gain points for each event they participate in. The winner receives a homecoming spirit contest trophy.

#### Monday, Sept. 29

Voting booth for homecoming king and queen will open at 10 a.m. in the Stratton Quadrangle.

Greenemay said each organization could nominate someone from its organization to run for homecoming court.

"To narrow down the candidates, there is an application processes followed by interviews," Greenemay said. "To make the court is a big deal, without even winning."

The homecoming kick-off will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Quad. Wilson said this kick-off will have a pep rally-type feel. There will be free pizza, a DJ and murals from the student organizations participating in the spirit contest.

#### Tuesday, Sept. 30

The golf cart parade will be held from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Quad. Greenemay said this is similar to parades other college towns hold in their downtown areas.

"Other schools have a big parade, but since we don't do that in Edwardsville, we turn our Quad into a parade," Greenemay said. "All the organizations can rent a golf cart from cab, then decorate them. There is a contest to see who has the best decorations and some people hand out candy. It's cool to see the golf carts all decorated."

Homecoming Bingo will be held at 7 p.m. in the Morris University Center Conference Center. Students can enjoy free food, bingo and prizes.

#### Wednesday, Oct. 1

Karaoke will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the MUC Goshen Lounge.

Student Government and Zeta Phi Beta will host the annual bonfire at 6:30 p.m. in the Woodland Bowl.

Wilson said the athletic teams will be introduced throughout the night. Partnered with Campus Kitchens, student organizations can bring canned goods to donate and gather spirit points.

#### Thursday, Oct. 2

Recliner races will be held at 12 p.m. in the Quad, where organizations decorate an old recliner.

Coleman Choate, university relations chairman for Sigma Tau Gamma, said this is a tradition that has become very popular.

"We've used the same one for the past few years; an old recliner the guys didn't want, they put a base with some wheels on it," Choate said. "Everyone tires to make theirs the ugliest. Last year we blow-torched it and put duct tape all over it, just for fun to make it look ugly."

Preferred Parking Comedy will participate in the annual comedy show at 7 p.m. at the Wildey Theatre. This event is free and is typically held in the MUC; however, Wilson said they decided to shake things up this year with the location.

"The homecoming committee last year wanted to do something off campus and in the community so that everyone can be included," Wilson said.

#### Friday, Oct. 3

Enclave West will host a pregame barbecue prior to the women's soccer game, beginning at 5 p.m. The women's soccer game will begin at 7 p.m. at Korte Stadium against Murray State.

The Residence Housing Association will host the annual homecoming dance at 9 p.m. in the MUC Meridian Ballroom.

#### Saturday, Oct. 4

The homecoming tailgate will be held at 5 p.m. at Korte Stadium. Wilson said this event is traditionally the perfect way to end the week.

"There will be a live DJ from 5 to 7 p.m.," Wilson said. "There will also be tons of activities for kids, so students can bring their families. There will also be a mechanical bull for the older kids. It's a great time."

Choate said it is very important for the members of his fraternity to become involved in Homecoming Week's festivities.

"We want to do this to show we are a lot more than the stereotypical movie fraternity scene," Choate said. "We put in a lot for not just homecoming week but philanthropy events. It's really important to get involved on campus through the fraternity and not just in the fraternity. I'm really excited this year, for my last homecoming week, to see everyone come out and participate. I think it's going to be a good time."

Wilson said he is very excited for Homecoming Week to unfold, seeing as this is one of his favorite activities of the year.

"One of my passions is to get our school more engaged with homecoming, not just here with the students and our small SIUE community, but with the community of Edwardsville," Wilson said. "Other traditional college towns have such school spirit and community pride when it comes to their homecomings; I really would love to see SIUE's community elevated to that level."

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# Audiences will get lost in the action-filled hit 'The Maze Runner'

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Imagine one day, awakening to find yourself trapped in an enormous maze, unable to escape or recall any details from your past.

In the film "The Maze Runner," Thomas, played by Dylan O'Brien, along with a handful of other boys, find themselves trapped in a field that is entirely surrounded by large walls. What lies on the other side of these towering walls is somewhat of a mystery. The maze dwellers are slightly certain there is an outlet somewhere inside, however every time someone ventures into the maze, he has not survived the night.

Prior to Thomas' arrival, these boys had become fairly content with their living conditions. The boys decided they had a better chance of survival if they remained in the field as opposed to testing The Maze. However, once Thomas arrives, he quickly makes it clear he is having none of this and soon makes many efforts to escape the trap.

This movie shows audiences

the meaning of bravery. These boys have grown to accept they will be trapped in this maze forever, but Thomas thinks realistically—they will either die inside this maze or die trying to escape.

This movie was well done, the acting was superb, the sets were realistic and the special effects were thrilling. While there were times during action-filled scenes where the special effects made it difficult to distinguish between the actor and the creature they were fighting; overall, the effects were impressive.

Casting for this movie was amazing.

Emerging star O'Brien excites in his first lead in an action movie, portraying the role of the heroic and fearless Thomas.

While O'Brien's character clearly took the lead, he had many supporting actors who impressed as well. "We're The Millers" star, Will Poulter, took on the role of Gally the ringleader in the effort to remain within the maze. It was fascinating seeing Poulter in such a serious role, considering he usually is quite the opposite. However, he was notable playing this

intimidating part.

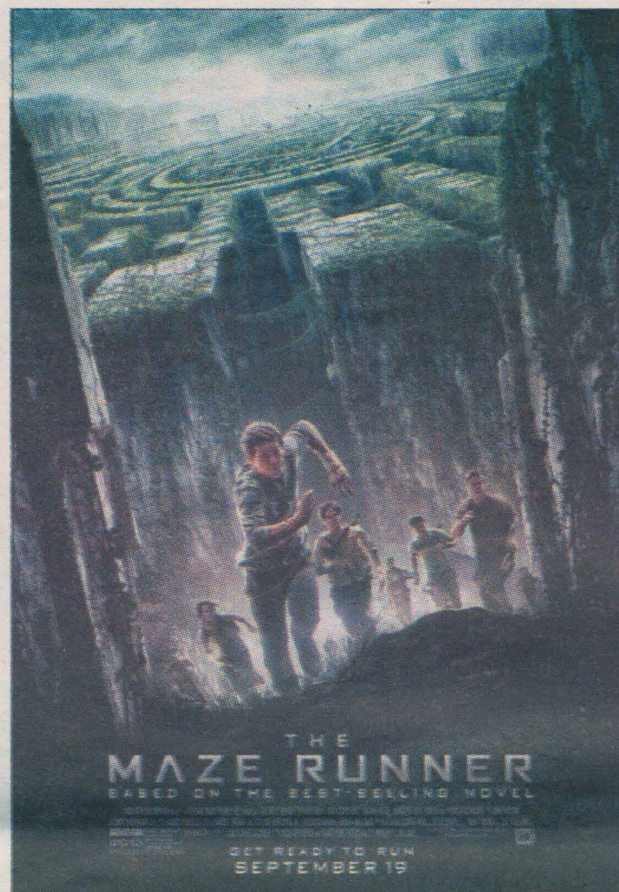
Newcomer Blake Cooper melted the audience's hearts as Chuck, the youngest member of the maze crew, who never failed to bring a touch of humor to every situation.

The vast majority of this cast was young; there were a few adults toward the end, but mostly the movie was filled with rising stars. Another distinctive aspect was how there were only two girls in the entire film, one of which, Kaya Scodelario, became trapped in the maze with the boys. With such a young cast, the acting performances threatened to disappoint, however that was far from the case.

"The Maze Runner" introduced audiences to the first film in the trilogy, based off the best-selling novels by James Dashner. This movie thrills fans with a brilliant portrayal of fear, excitement and the burning desire to break free.

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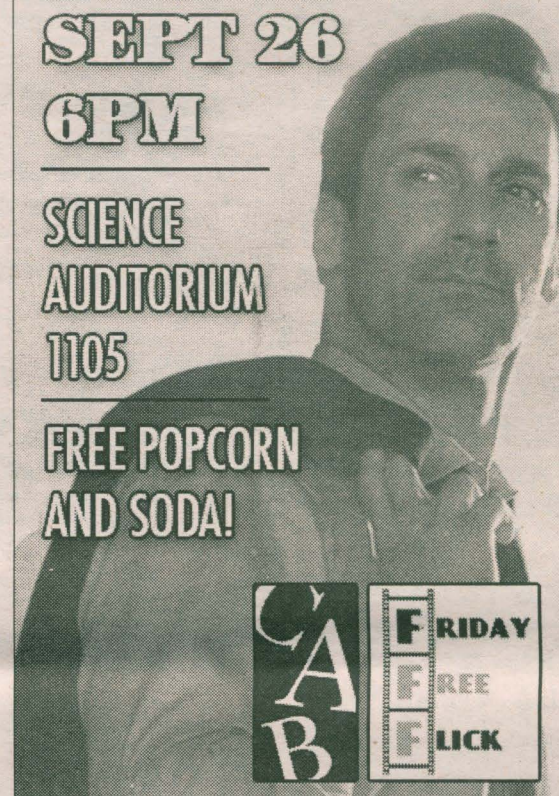
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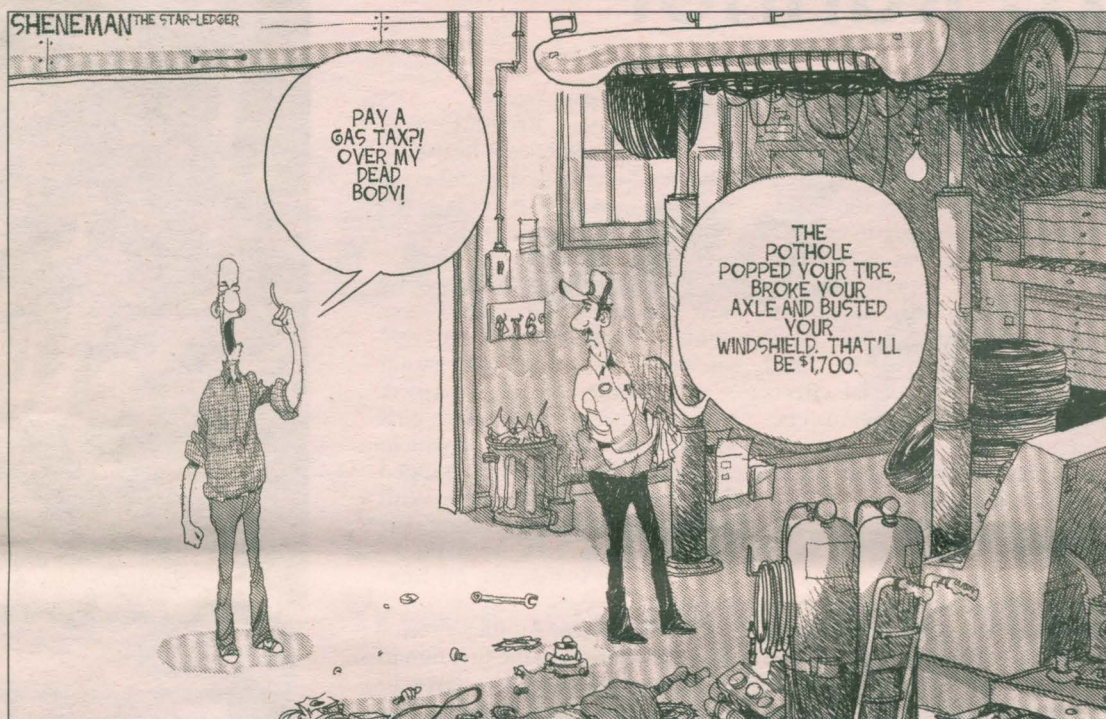
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## Creating products to prevent rape will not end sexual violence

### Educating men, women about sexual consent will produce better results

Our society continuously creates products for women to prevent sexual assault and while the thought is inherently on the right track, these products will not stop sexual assault.



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The approach, for years, has been this: Make tools and items women can use to detect and/or protect themselves from sexual predators.

One particular product I have in mind is the nail polish created by a group of undergraduate students at North Carolina State University. The nail polish, according to these students, changes color in the presence of a date rape drug, but for the polish to work, the finger has to be dipped into the drink. If the polish changes colors, then the drink has been tampered with.

This is truly a progressive invention in itself, don't get me wrong, but I think that if we want to see sexual violence disappear,

then we need to attend to the problem at its roots.

It all starts with education and communication. First, the discussion of sexual consent needs to take place earlier in the development of young adults. I think back to my sex education course in junior high and only remember the discussion of gonorrhea and pre-marital sex, but nothing about consent was even mentioned in the textbook or the classroom talks.

Being more open to discussion about sexual consent with not only men, but also women will aid the effort to prevent rape. This is not saying that rape will immediately stop.

However, another fault with rape culture is that women are usually the ones at which the fingers are pointed when rape occurs. Think about it: What are the first couple of questions that pop into your head if someone said, 'So-and-so was sexually assaulted last night.' What did she wear? Was she intoxicated? Was she by herself? We immediately blame the victim rather than the attacker, and that is not going to improve the state of this prevalent issue.

Student Government launched the

nationwide campaign "It's On Us" on campus Friday, Sept. 19, and this will indeed be a step in the right direction to approach this worldwide problem. Efforts are being made on campuses around the country to help prevent sexual assault, and while nail polishes that detect date rape drugs are great in concept, it's these initiatives like "It's On Us" that will educate and raise awareness of this problem.

President Barack Obama is making a great effort to stop sexual violence on college campuses. It's a powerful feeling, as a woman who has been physically assaulted, to know that my country's leader is trying to protect men and women from these harmful attacks. I would like to see SIUE make further efforts beyond Student Government to raise discussion about sexual consent and preventing sexual assault. Whether it's a scheduled event or a public discussion, having these conversations will allow students, faculty and staff to be more aware of the issue at hand.

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## University ought to give students knowledge of solicitors walking on campus

I am getting annoyed by how campus solicitors operate.

Yes, there should be free speech on campus, and with that students should also be exposed to various cultural elements and need-groups. Those experiences are important for our transition into adulthood and learning about the outside world.



**Nathan Sierra**  
**Alestle Copy Editor**

However, I am not particularly happy with how soliciting currently works on campus, and there is a way to make the experience better for both the solicitors and the solicited.

Last Thursday, walking through the Stratton Quadrangle an older gentleman approached me and asked me if I was a student. Not wanting to be rude and being unsure whether or not he needed help, he looked a bit lost, I affirmed my status as a

book-slinging, college-working student here at SIUE.

He then proceeded to talk to me about his religion, and put three books into my hands, and told me he wanted me to accept one of his books. I hesitantly obliged, and as I was saying I would take the book he chose for me he asked me for a donation.

Now the elements at play here separately are fine. I am perfectly OK with people handing out literature like magazines or pamphlets and asking for donations. However, this man chose to give me a book and then ask for a donation, catching me a bit off guard and made my incredibly socially inept self feel like I absolutely had to give him money. I am now \$8 poorer and in possession of a book I have no desire to read.

This got me thinking, aside from being a bit angry that I was gamed by that man, I thought about the way soliciting works on campus. The campus should alert students to the various organizations or people who wish to talk to students about their cause or belief.

We should be given information about the people who are soliciting us, and what good, if any, the group has done. We should be aware of where our potential money might go before we are asked to donate. Sending out an email detailing objective information regarding the solicitors and what donation money has gone to in the past could easily do this. It would allow students to make better-informed decisions, and may actually lead to students donating more money if they are aware of the causes before the solicitors show up in the Quad.

Overall, I am definitely for having solicitors on campus. However, part of this scene needs to change. I am not OK with feeling harassed when walking from class to class, but solicitors should be allowed to ask for donations. An email allowing students to decide ahead of time if they want to donate while also spreading awareness for the solicitors' campaigns would be the perfect solution.

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## Four-year starter digs name into SIUE history

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From the time Chelsea Colclasure turned eight, her parents involved her in many different activities—softball, soccer, dance and, most importantly, volleyball.

"It's probably the most exciting of all the sports I was playing," Colclasure said. "You're constantly scoring, your team's always cheering. It became my main attraction."

Thirteen years later, Colclasure now holds the record for most digs in SIUE history.

Colclasure, a senior nursing major, has been a starting libero since her freshman year, an achievement volleyball Head Coach Leah Johnson said is no easy feat.

"It's one thing to start as a freshman, it's another to maintain that position all four years," Johnson said. "For her to have earned it and kept it says a lot about her growth as an individual on the court and her leadership."

Colclasure said when she was younger, she played a variety of positions before finally deciding on libero.

"I'd set and even hit, but that was when the nets were a lot lower. Then when everyone else kept growing and I stopped, I got moved to the back row," Colclasure said. "I love libero; I like that I keep people from scoring and how that makes them mad. I'll pick a player out and go after them—I pick their best hitter to make sure they don't score."

Colclasure had never expected to play volleyball in college; she assumed no school would work with her to balance both a sport and the nursing program.

"It took me a while to decide to try to find a school that would work with me, because I just figured no one would," Colclasure said. "I picked this school because the campus is really pretty, they have my major and my coach was willing to work with me to be a nurse and let me play sports. Not many schools were open to do that."

Johnson said Colclasure was one of her first recruits as coach at SIUE. At the time, the volleyball team was in need of someone who could fill the role of libero and start as a freshman.

"I liked the fact that she had been in a program that had been tough," Johnson said. "They worked very hard and emphasized ball control defense, so I knew at the very least I was going to get someone who understood that was a priority. I got more than I ever bargained for."

Colclasure said she is glad she decided to juggle both athletics and nursing.

"It involves a lot of responsibility, organization and putting your priorities straight," Colclasure said. "It's made me grow as a person and as a leader; it's helped me learn to work with authority and just being able to get everything organized."

Colclasure said after graduation, she plans on going to nurse practitioner school in order to advance her degree.

"I liked the health field and I knew there were endless opportunities for it, so many

things I could do with it," Colclasure said. "I want to do oncology with kids; I really like kids and I think oncology is awesome, crazy and a really interesting field."

Colclasure said this year has been the most difficult year balancing her two passions. However, she is fortunate to have parents who help keep her grounded.

"They've supported me though everything, even when I wanted to quit they pushed me to do better and keep at it," Colclasure said. "My dad helps me a lot to get through things; he makes me realize that I am a strong person and I can do both. He's a good mentor."

Colclasure's parents are not her only supporters. Her teammate, roommate and best friend of three years Haley Norris is also one of Colclasure's biggest cheerleaders.

"She affects our team in a really positive way," Norris said. "She is a big stabilizer for us

this level, average is not acceptable.

"She said, 'I know it'll be different when I get there,' and I just had to trust her. That is the relationship we had from day one, there was a great level of trust," Johnson said. "She came here as an exceptional student and got accepted into nursing. She's doing something that is hard for your typical nursing student and she's doing it with a full-time athletic job and doing well and excelling. I think that's another testament to the person she is and why accomplishing such a record and so many accolades throughout her career should not surprise anyone, because that's just the nature of her."

Colclasure said when the digs record was broken, she wasn't even aware of what she had accomplished.

"I didn't even know I broke it. My coach was like, 'Congratulations, you broke the record the other day.' I

possible.

"I remember her first couple years we played 10 five-set matches and we were so competitive, but we were coming up 50/50 on those. She'd come to the front of the bus and say, 'Coach, what do I need to do to help us win; what else can I do?' and I just kept saying, 'Chelsea, you're going to have to be patient, not everyone's where you are yet. But you're going to get them there,'" Johnson said. "It's funny because this year she's asking the same thing, but she's talking about a whole different level. We are 6-5

and she's asking that same question because it's not good enough still.

That's a great place to be in and that drive is always something I'll remember about her."

Colclasure said her motivation comes from realizing this is her last year in the program.

"This year I know I don't have anymore chances to win the [Ohio Valley Conference] tournament or go to

[National Collegiate Athletic Association] tournament and that's always been a dream to go to the NCAA's," Colclasure said. "Also working hard for my teammates,

I love every single one of them, they are like my family so I think they keep me going every day."

Colclasure said being a part of this program for the past four years have meant a lot to her and helped her to grow.

"It meant that I worked really hard to get where I wanted to be," Colclasure said. "I went into practice everyday. I tried to get better everyday, and I'd say—looking back—it was a great experience. I loved being around all my teammates, my coaches and I wouldn't change it."

remember last year they said I was five digs away, and then I forgot about it," Colclasure said. "It is really cool to have my name somewhere on the university because of this. All the hours that you put in, working hard every day at practice and dedicating yourself to—it really does pay off."

Johnson said having herself been a libero, she can attest to the fact that this accomplishment is outstanding.

"It's very difficult to do; you almost have to be a starter from your freshman year to be able to break that kind of record. But just being on the court isn't enough, you have to be a skilled, smart player and Chelsea is all of those things," Johnson said. "I think it speaks volumes to the people around her, too. She'll tell you that she couldn't care less about a record, as long as her team's winning. Those around her help make her good too. They trust her, they see her potential and they want her to be great."

Norris said Colclasure has the ability to keep things light and fun on the court.

"If someone makes a mistake, instead of letting them get down on themselves, she would just be like, 'Dude it's fine, just laugh it off,'" Norris said. "But she is also super driven. She has a lot of pride and always wants to be the best in what she does."

Johnson said one of the most distinctive things she will remember about Colclasure is her desire to improve the team in any way

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Haley Norris  
Senior defensive specialist

and a lot of people, especially our underclassmen, look to her for guidance and confidence on the court."

Johnson said Colclasure's leadership is one of the many qualities that have distinguished her throughout her career.

"The past couple years she has been a stabilizing force for us. She has a great read on the ball and she knows how to put herself in the right place. She has easily been our most steady ball control player, so that in and of itself in the game of volleyball is irreplaceable," Johnson said. "She can also communicate with me very well; I feel like she and I understand one another, having played the same. She has a good head about her, not only by taking responsibility and being accountable for the things that she can and can't control, but also working with me to be challenged, improve and grow."

Norris said since her and Colclasure have the same sense of humor, they got along from day one. The two have also bonded over sharing the same position.

"She pushes me to try to be better," Norris said. "You would think it would be like, 'You don't like each other because you are competing' but since the beginning we just clicked. We are open about how we're competing, we've both been able to push each other and I think that has been a maturing factor in our relationship. We've been able to be best friends, even though she is my competition."

Johnson said when Colclasure was recruited, she was an average student, and Johnson explained to her in this program at



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## Cougar Briefs: Men's soccer falls to 0-6-2 after tough weekend

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After eight games, the men's soccer team has yet to win a game, losing two games this weekend to extend its record to 0-6-2.

On Friday, Sept. 19, the Cougars' struggles to hold a lead arose again, as they let No. 19 Stanford University equalize and go ahead after the Cougars scored an early goal.

Senior defender Matt Polster scored in the 10th minute for SIUE, his first goal of the season. Polster collected a loose ball in front of the goal and put it past the opposing goalkeeper. Senior forward Christian Volesky got his first assist of the season on the play,

giving him a team-high nine points.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, the Cougars' offensive woes continued as the team was shutout by No. 15 California University 2-1.

In the 17th minute, the Cougars gave up its first goal, and less than five minutes later, were down 2-0.

SIUE put up a fight late in the game, with Volesky scoring his fifth goal of the season in the 77th minute, but it was not enough to stop the Cougars from losing their sixth game.

The Cougars' next game is at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, when they travel to Evansville, Ind., to take on Evansville University in the team's first conference game.

### Women's soccer splits during weekend

The women's soccer team improved to 3-4-1 during the weekend, defeating North Dakota State University on Friday, Sept. 19, and losing to Missouri State University on Sunday, Sept. 21.

On Friday, Sept. 19, the Cougars dominated North Dakota State University in a 1-0 victory at home.

Senior forward Michelle Auer scored the lone goal of the game in the sixth minute off a pass from freshman defender Rachael Brots. It was Auer's second goal of the season and Brots' first assist of her SIUE career.

In the shutout, junior goalkeeper Jennifer Pelley had three saves.

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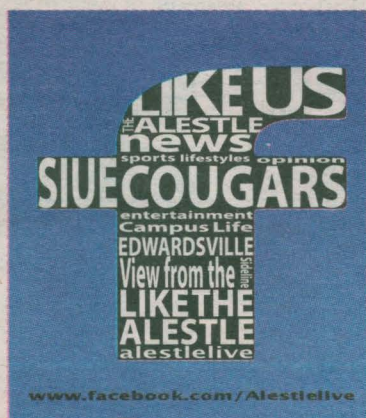
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